



## Hamilton Beautification Day

*"As long as there are flowers and children and birds in the world, have no fears: everything will be fine." Nikos Kazantzakis*

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **CALLING ALL NATURE LOVERS**

Beautification Day will be on **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, 12:30pm – 3:00pm. On this day, with your help, all students go outside and plant vegetables and flowers all around our school. Please join us by contacting: Christine Rearden – [dcgreardon@yahoo.com](mailto:dcgreardon@yahoo.com), or Joyce Rega - [joycearega@cs.com](mailto:joycearega@cs.com), or Janelle Wise – [wiseguys006@gmail.com](mailto:wiseguys006@gmail.com).

### **WHAT DO WE NEED?**

- **Parent Helpers by grade:**

The helpers will be responsible for overseeing the planting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you can help. A few parents per grade would be best.

- **Donations:**

To make this event a success, we use 300+ plants. Can you share some plants or supplies with us? The plants can come from your backyard or from a nursery. Please see the attached Beautification Day Planting Wish List for details. It is also at Perry's Florist.

### **WHAT DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO BRING?**

- Nothing is required to participate in Beautification Day but children should dress accordingly and could bring in a trowel marked with your family name. There will be a bucket out in front of the school to collect them in the morning.

### **INTERESTED IN HELPING OVER THE SUMMER?**

- Sign up for our summer watering calendar.

# Hamilton Beautification Day - Planting Wish List

**K** – The kindergarten garden box is very dry and sunny – plants that are drought tolerant are good here: Flowers such as marigolds & sunflowers will add some fun.

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Front door flower beds – colorful annual plants such as petunias, phlox, marigolds and geraniums welcome everyone to Hamilton as they walk up to our school.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Hamilton's Kindness Garden in the middle of our circle – bee balm, daisies, coneflower, milkweed, heliotrope and yarrow (achillea), do well here. Bulbs can also be planted now such as – lilies, daffodils and crocus.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Outdoor vegetable garden – bell or banana peppers, broccoli, tomatoes, bean plants, strawberries, eggplant, zucchini and squash. Also, herbs like rosemary, lavender, sage and thyme.

**4<sup>th</sup>** – Ovals by the flag pole on the sides – native perennials that do well here are ferns, indigo, hosta, soloman's seal, veronica, salvias, geranium rozanne, heuchera (coral bells), columbine, penstamon and rudbeckia.

**5<sup>th</sup>** – The area around our beautiful new Hamilton sign – this is a sunny spot that may not get a lot of water and there are two beautiful trees already there – geraniums (rozanne, lavender blue) coriapsis, and dianthus will do well here.